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SUBJECT: UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - PLENARY MEETING, TUESDAY,
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1. MORNING PLENARY OF UN OVERVIEW MAY 9 DELAYED IN
ANTICIPATION OF RECEIPT DRAFT PAPER ON AGENDA ITEM 2 BY
G-77, WHEN IT STARTED, ENTIRE 30-MINUTE MEETING WAS
DEVOTED TO SOVIET MEMORIALIZATION OF GLORIOUS SOCIALIST
VICTORY OVER HITLERITE FACISM 33 YEARS AGO AND ENTIRE
PLENARY STANDING IN SILENT TRIBUTE TO ALDO MORO. WHEN
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BECAUSE NON-DELIVERY OF PAPER, G-77
STAYED BEHIND FOR MEETING OF THEIR OWN.

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2. G-77 PAPER ENTITLED "AGENDA ITEM 2: TRANSFER OF
RESOURCES-DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE" DISTRIBUTED AT OPENING OF AFTERNOON MEETING.
DOCUMENT WAS INTRODUCED BY HALL OF JAMAICA WHO CLAIMED IT
SPOKE TO SOME OF THE "CONCRETE" ISSUES RAISED IN PAPERS
SUBMITTED BY ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS OF COUNTRIES, AND

INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS IN DISCUSSIONS. HE REVIEWED PAPER'S TOPIC HEADINGS AND SUGGESTED COW AND CONTACT GROUPS FOCUS ON PAPER AND DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH IT. (DOCUMENT DATAFAXED TO WATSON, EB/IFD/ODF.)

3. CANADIANS, FOLLOWED BY US, DANES, SWISS, JAPANESE, SWedes, AND FINNS, LAUNCHED ORAL BLAST AT PAPER NOTING THAT IN FEW MOMENTS TO REVIEW ITS CONTENTS IT WAS CLEAR G-77 HAD IN NO WAY WHATSOEVER REFLECTED VIEWSTHATHAD BEEN PRESENTED IN WRITING OR ORALLY BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND EVEN CONTRADICTED SOME STATEMENTS MADE BY G-77 DELEGATIONS. ALL EXPRESSED SURPRISE, DISTRESS, AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MEANINGFUL, SUBSTANTIVE, POSITIVE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF PAST WEEK WERE TOTALLY ABSENT FROM PAPER. PROCEDURALLY, INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS QUESTIONED THE ATTEMPT TO REACH FINAL CONCLUSIONS WHEN COW WAS STILL SCHEDULED TO HAVE THREE DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS.

4. COW CHAIRMAN JAZAIRY CLAIMED BODY HAD AGREED TO PREPARE DOCUMENT REFLECTING RESULTS OF MEETINGS AND THE ARRIVAL OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS IN PHASE II DID NOT MEAN THAT MEETING WAS DIVIDED, IT'S A CONTINUUM. HE WAS HOPING THAT OTHER GROUPS AND DELEGATIONS WOULD SUBMIT THEIR OWN PAPERS REFLECTING WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AND THAT THEN AN AGREED TEXT COULD BE "WORKED OUT" IN UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG AND BETWEEN GROUPS OF DELEGATIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A CONSENSUS BASED ON ALL SUBMISSIONS, NOTING THAT IF ONE DRAFT WAS UNACCEPTABLE THAT COW SHOULD SEEK OTHER DRAFTS.

5. CANADIAN DEL INSISTED THAT COW DID NOT REQUIRE A DOCUMENT THAT SETS STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, OR TARGETS BUT ONE THAT REFLECTS WHAT TRANSPRIRED AT THE MEETINGS. HE SAID IT WAS NOT OUR PURPOSE "TO NEGOTIATE A DOCUMENT IN STANDARD UN TERMS."

6. HALL OF JAMAICA CONCLUDED FOR G-77 (NO OTHER G-77 MEMBERS SPOKE) BY NOTING THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN PERCEPTIONS AMONG COUNTRY GROUPS ON PURPOSE OF FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF COW. HE SAID 77 RECOGNIZED NEED TO DISCUSS CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, BUT G-77 EXPECTED "CONCRETE ADVANCES IN OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE" NOTING PAPER WAS VERY INFORMAL AND NOT A G-77 "POSITION PAPER." HE ADDED IT DID REFLECT "SOME OF THE CONCRETE ISSUES RAISED IN PAST FEW DAYS" WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE WORK FOR LAST THREE DAYS OF COW SINCE IT DEALT WITH "CONCRETE ISSUES" WHICH REQUIRED "CONCRETE UNDER-

STANDINGS." HE CONCLUDED THAT G-77 WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS DIFFERING VIEWS BUT DID NOT RPT NOT WANT COW TO END WITH A SENSE OF FUTILITY AFTER TWO WEEKS. THEY WANT DECISIONS THAT WILL SHOW SOME PROGRESS IN THE AREAS ON THE AGENDA AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF DIVERGENCE.

7. JAZAIRY WRAPPED UP SESSION WITH STATEMENT THAT COW NEEDS TO CONCLUDE WITH A "COMMON TEXT" THAT REFLECTS THE PROPOSALS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THAT SUCH A PAPER SHOULD BE COMPLETED DURING PHASE II WHEN HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WILL BE ABLE TO "NARROW OUR VIEWS." HE NOTED THAT FRIENDS OF THE RAPPATEUR WERE WORKING ON PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM 1 WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE CHANGES IN LIGHT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS. IN SOME FASHION, AN

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AGREED COMMON TEXT ON AGENDA ITEM 2 WOULD HAVE TO BE
PREPARED. HE ASKED ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SEEK "CONSTRUCTIVE

LANGUAGE ON AGENDA ITEM 2," WHICH HE CALLED "THE CENTRAL POINT OF OUR PRESENT SESSION."

8. COMMENT: CONVERSATIONS BY USDEL MEMBERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PAKISTAN, INDIA, NIGERIA, AND JERRY ARSENIS OF UNCTAD INDICATE THAT G-77 ARE INDEED SEEKING NEGOTIATED LANGUAGE THAT WILL SET GUIDELINES AND TARGETS. QADRUD-DIN OF PAKISTAN SAID THAT G-77 SEES COW AS CONTINUATION OF CIEC AND THEREFORE MUST ASSESS PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES OF AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THAT FORUM. IT IS USDEL'S JUDGMENT THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT G-77 PAPER ON ITEM 2 IS AN EFFORT TO FORCE A NEGOTIATED DOCUMENT REFLECTIVE OF A TACTIC THAT WILL IN THEIR VIEW SEE MANY OF THE OBJECTIVES IN PAPER DROPPED IN NEGOTIATIONS IN EFFORT TO GET THE TYPE OF TARGETING AND GUIDELINES THEY SEEK ON UNCLASSIFIED

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